



In re application of: TAKAHIRO SAITO et al.)
Application No.: 10/800,386)
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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

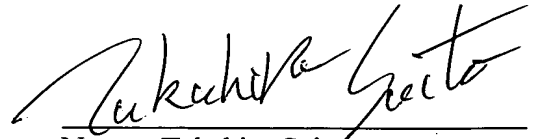
I, Takahiro, Saito, hereby declare that:

1. I am the sole inventor of the above-identified patent application.
2. Exhibit A is a copy of disclosure of my invention dated November 6, 1997. It is believed that the disclosure of November 6, 1997 fully supports the claimed invention of the above-identified patent application. Therefore, as evidenced by Exhibit A, I conceived the claimed invention of the above-identified patent application at least as early as November 6, 1997, which antedates the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) date of U.S. Patent No. 6,375,075 to Ackley et al. The 35 U.S.C. 102(e) date of U.S. Patent No. 6,375,075 is October 18, 1999.
3. Exhibit B is a true English translation of Exhibit A.
4. Evidence of facts to establish diligence from **October 17, 1999 to December 15, 1999:**

As far as I can recall, during the period of time from October 17, 1999 to December 15, 1999, I had been working with Mr. Tetsuo Wada of Ehara Patent Office located at Osaka, Japan to modify and finalize the specification for the base U.S. provisional application serial No. 60/170,815 filed on December 15, 1999. We exchanged opinions and modified the specification numerous times, while both of us fulfill other work-related duties. Exhibit C is a final draft of the specification dated December 10, 1999. It was finished five days before filing the provisional application. I had worked on the application with due diligence from October 17, 1999 to December 15, 1999.

5. I declare that all the statements made herein of own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issued thereon.

Date: March 18, 2005


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